in force, administrative Ministries/Departments are competent to decide cases of appointment of non-Indians to posts under their control keeping in view the general policy on the subject and after obtaining orders of the Minister-in-charge. Information regarding non-Indians appointed as advisers by various Ministries/Departments, as also the nature of duties performed by them, is not centrally maintained.

Dealers Commission

1621. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how much per litre cost of each type of expenses admitted by Government is included in the dealers commission while deciding the PPO dealers commission;

(b) whether the IOC vide its letter No. R/o/CoCo dated 15.10.98 had decided to give Rs. 231/- per kilo to job contractor for manpower, stock loss and contractor's remuneration;

(c) what are the reasons for giving lesser commission to regular responsible dealers and the reasons for discrimination; and

(d) whether this discrimination would adversely affect the financial position of the dealers belonging to SC/ST/DEF/ladies categories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) The details of the moderated operating costs elementwise are given in the statement (*see* below). In addition, product loss, return on working capital and return on fixed assets are also taken into account while fixing the dealers' commission.

(b) Indian Oil Corporation had decided to make payment to the job contractor subject to a ceiling of Rs. 231/- per KL for MS(Petrol) and HSD (Diesel), on a temporary arrangement basis.

(c) and (d) Dealers' commission paid by oil companies to retail outlet dealers are based on cost components prevailing at the time of finalising the dealers commission. These cost components were arrived at by way of sample survey and by taking into account all

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

India weighted average of the samples. Dealers' Commission are also revised every year on 1st April based on the increase in the All India Consumer Price Index. In addition, the increase in the commission on MS and HSD consequent to increase in the products prices are allowed based on the approved formulae. There is no discrimination as the COCOs operated by the job contractors and other retail outlets are not comparable.

Statement

	Avg. (Rs./KL)
Salary/Wages	119.30
Electricity	13.55
Insurance	3.20
Repair & Maintenance	10.65
Telephone	5.36
Uniform	1.51
Conveyance	6.94
Depreciation	11.21
Taxes/Fees/Audit	3.42
Rent	0.46
Printing & Stationary	5.78
Entertainment	1.89
Consumables	3.08
TOTAL OPERATING COST	186.35

Petrol and LPG Distribution outlets allotted in A.P.

1622. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of petrol/diesel/LPG distribution outlets published calling for applications by separate companies in the last three years, district-wise, in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) how many of those outlets allotted to applicants;